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In re Application of John W. Shaffer

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For: Amalgam Retainer

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire three months after said date, please reconsider the above-entitled Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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